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EXHIBIT: #VII.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: William H. Beardsley, Acting Commissioner*

DATE: February 10, 2016

SUBJECT: Receipt of the Report of Findings Regarding the Request of Southern New Hampshire University to renew its Current Authorization to Offer Academic Credit Programs in Maine

BACKGROUND: The Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) was first authorized by the State Board of Education (SBE) in 2002 to offer classes at 10 Tibbetts Drive in the Cook's Corner area of Brunswick, Maine. Since 2002, SNHU has received two five-year-renewals from the SBE and with each one their class offerings have increased. Currently, SNHU offers the following graduate programs using a hybrid model: MBA, Organizational Leadership, Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, and a Masters of Education.

The review team conducted a video conference with SNHU program representatives on January 15, 2016 in the board room of the University of Maine at Augusta.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education accept the review team report of findings concerning the SNHU application to continue to offer its graduate programs in the State of Maine. The period of approval would be from spring 2016 to spring 2021.

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